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BY FOREIGN MINISTER AND SECRETARY OF STATE, FOLLOWING
MEETING AT QUAI D'ORSAY, PARIS, APRIL 2, 1977.

1. FOREIGN MINISTER (TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH). WE JUST FINISHED AN IN-DEPTH MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, MR. VANCE, WHO IS HERE IN PARIS FOR THE FIRST TIME AS SECRETARY OF STATE. WE HAD BREAKFAST TOGETHER, THEN WE WENT TC THE ELYSEE WHERE WE MET WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THEN WE CAME BACK HERE TO WORK WITH OUR EXPERTS. WE HAVE ALREADY MENTIONED THE SUBJECTS DISCUSSED WITH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. HERE I CAN TELL YOU THAT WE WENT OVER IN GREAT DETAIL CONVERSATIONS WHICH MR. VANCE JUST HAD IN MOSCOW. NOTABLY HIS CONVERSATIONS CON-CERNING DISARMAMENT AND SALT NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, WE ALSO COVERED OTHER SUBJECTS WHICH CAME UP IN MOSCOW, AND WHICH APPEARED IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE. WE ALSO TALKED ABOUT NON-PROLIFERATION, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ONCE AGAIN AFRICA. WHICH WAS A VERY IMPORTANT TOPIC AT UNCLASSIFIED

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OUR CONVERSATIONS AT THE ELYSEE. THIS TIME WE DISCUSSSED MORE PARTICULARLY UNITED NATIONS ASPECTS. FINALLY WE HAD A SERIOUS DISCUSSION ALONG WITH OUR EXPERTS ON THE NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. OUR EXPERTS ALSO DISCUSSED BERLIN IN DETAIL. THERE ARE THE SUBJECTS. I'D LIKE TO GIVE MR. VANCE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY WHATEVER HE WOULD LIKE.

- 2. SECRETARY VANCE. I THINK THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER HAS COVERED VERY FULLY THE VARIOUS SUBJECTS WHICH WE DISCUSSED TODAY. WE HAD MOST CORDIAL, FRIENDLY, USEFUL MEETINGS AND IN ADDITION, THE FOREIGN MINISTER VERY KINDLY GAVE US A DELICOOUS BREAKFAST. I SHALL REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT THE RESULT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS HERE TODAY, BOTH AT THE ELYSEE AND WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER, AND I LOOK FORWARD VERY MUCH TO OUR CONTINUING AND CLOSE COOPERATION IN THE WEEKS AND MONTHS AHEAD. WE WILL BE SEEING EACH OTHER NEXT AT THE SUMMIT AND AT THE NATO MEETING IN EARLY MAY IN LONDON.
- 3. FOREIGN MINISTER (TRANSLATED FROM FRENCH). (IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ON MIDDLE EAST). I GAVE MR. VANCE SOME OF MY IMPRESSIONS WHICH CAME FROM MY MOST RECENT VISIT TO ISRAEL ALONG WITH SOME IMPRESSIONS GATHERED FROM THE PREVIOUS TRIP TO FOUR ARAB COUNTRIES THAT ALLOWED US TO GO OVER WHAT THE POSSIBILITIES ARE TO SETTLE THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION THIS YEAR.
- 4. Q. YOU WENT OVER PLO PARTICIPATION AT THE GENEVA MEETING?

A. THAT WAS TALKED ABOUT. THE SECRETARY OF STATE ALSO TALKED ABOUT THIS IN MOSCOW, AND AS HE REPRESENTS ONE OF THE TWO PRESIDENTS OF THE CONFERENCE, I AM GOING TO TURN THIS QUESTION OVER TO HIM.

5. MR VANCE. YES, WE DISCUSSED THE TOPIC. THAT IS ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT OF THE ISSUES THAT REMAINS UNCLASSIFIED

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UNRESOLVED IN RESPECT OF A GENEVA CONFERENCE. NAMELY, HOW PALESTINIANS MIGHT BE REPRESENTED AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE. WE NOT ONLY DISCUSSED THAT ISSUE. WE DISCUSSED THE SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES WHICH WILL ARISE AT A RECONVEND GENEVA CONFERENCE, AND THE DIFFERENCES AMONG THE PARTIES WITH RESPECT TO THOES ISSUES. WE COMPARED VIEWS AS TO THE PARIES' VIEWS OF THESE VARIOUS ISSUES AND WAYS THAT ONE MIGHT SEEK TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN THE PARTIES AND THUS LAY THE BASIS FRO PROGRES AT A RECONVENED CONFERENCE.

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